

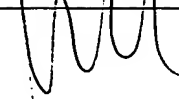


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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/752,662	Applicant(s) BEADELL ET AL. 	
	Examiner Michael O'Neill	Art Unit 3713	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

Applicants need to update the priority data in the first line of the specification.

Claim Objections

Claims 2-13 are objected to because of the following informalities: the dependency does not make sense. Appropriate correction is required. For examination purposes the examiner will treat the dependency as follows:

Claim 2 depends from claim 1

Claim 3 depends from claim 1

Claim 4 depends from claim 3

Claim 5 depends from claim 4

Claim 6 depends from claim 5

Claim 7 depends from claim 3

Claim 8 depends from claim 7

Claim 9 depends from claim 1

Claim 10 depends from claim 1

Claim 11 depends from claim 10

Claim 12 depends from claim 1

Claim 13 depends from claim 12

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-3 and 10-13 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamada et al, USPN 6,201,703.

Yamada et al. discloses a security door to secure the electronic components of a gaming machine. As shown in figure 2, the door contain a lock mechanism to secure it in place.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada et al. in view of Monson, USPN 5,472,247.

Yamada et al. discloses the security door mechanism to prevent access to the electronic components of the gaming machine. However, the reference lacks clearly disclosing the claimed parts that constitute the lock mechanism. In an analogous device Monson teaches and suggests the lock mechanism constituting two primary bolts and a secondary bolt. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to apply the teachings of Monson into the disclose security door means found in the primary reference in order to

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provide the door with multiple points of resistance as suggested by Monson.

Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada et al. in view of Klan et al., USPN 5,531,309.

Yamada et al. disclose the security door but lacks in disclosing a sensor to sound an alarm. In an analogous gaming Klan et al. teaches a door switch, which is a sensor, that is connected to an alarm means, see figure 1. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to apply the teachings of Klan et al. into the gaming machine of Yamada et al; in order to notify security if the front door of the gaming machine was open.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada et al. in view of Nye USPN 2,609,268.

Yamada et al. discloses the security door but lacks disclosing a release latch to facilitate removal of the electronic components within. In an analogous device, Nye teaches providing a release latch in order to provide a mechanical advantage to facilitate removal of the components within the gaming machine. Therefore, one skilled in the art would find it obvious to incorporate

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Nye's teachings into Yamada et al. for the reasoning found within Nye which is stated herein.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael O'Neill whose telephone number is 571-272-4442. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan M. Thai can be reached on 571-272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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